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Report of results to date directed to Dallas Police Department being hand carried to Dallas by SA ERALS tonight.

Assistant to the Director BELMONT at 8:20 PM today furnished following information:

Bullet recovered from stretcher in hospital by Secret Service, two bullet fragments recovered from President's automobile by Secret Service and two cartridge cases delivered to Laboratory by SA DRAIN, your office, identified as being fired by submitted 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle delivered by SA DRAIN. Several black cotton, orange yellow cotton, and gray black cotton fibers which matched similar fibers composing OSWALD's shirt removed from butt plate of submitted rifle. No fibers found on gun which could be associated with green blanket. Single brown viscose fiber and several light green cotton fibers which match similar fibers present in composition of green blanket found on paper bag. Cotton fibers from gun are same colors as cotton fibers composing shirt; however, due to limited number of colors in shirt (3), not possible to state shirt is positively source of these fibers.

Identification Division determined that latent prints appearing in photograph taken of the rifle of Dallas Police Dept. too fragmentary and indistinct to be of any value for identification purposes. Similar photo taken by Bureau also failed to produce prints of sufficient legibility for comparison purposes. Latent fingerprints developed by Identification Division on brown paper bag recovered at scene and marked "Found next to 6th floor window gun fired from may have been used to carry gun. Lt. J. C. DAY" also identified with left index finger impression of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. In addition, one latent palm print developed on paper bag identified with right palm print of OSWALD.

No latent prints of value developed on the revolver, cartridge cases, clip, inner parts of rifle or unfired cartridge.

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